State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the future of Vermont rests on the hopes and dreams of its young

people; and

WHEREAS, mentors offer valuable encouragement, motivation and hope for our

youth by providing a consistent adult friend and role model, guiding

them toward making positive, healthy choices; and

WHEREAS, youth with mentors are more likely to graduate from high school

and attend college and other post-secondary education programs;

and

mentored youth also exhibit improved resiliency, better WHEREAS,

relationships with peers and family members, and feel more

connected to their community and school; and

WHEREAS, collaborative mentoring programs supported by the entire

community, locally and statewide, are more visible, and therefore,

able to serve more youth; and

WHEREAS, Vermont mentoring programs, Mobius, and other public and private

> organizations throughout Vermont are committed to working collaboratively to increase the number of quality mentoring

matches statewide; and

since 2013, Mobius has served as Vermont's Mentoring WHEREAS,

> Partnership, and is committed to closing the mentoring gap by providing support for youth mentoring programs and volunteer

mentors throughout Vermont.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim January 2018 as

MENTORING MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 31st day of January, A.D. 2018.

Philip B. Scot

Governor

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs